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August 11, 2004

The Honorable Michael O. Leavitt  
Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
P. O. Box 1473  
Merrifield, VA 22116

RE: Phthalate Esters Panel Test Plans for Phthalate and Trimellitate Esters;  
HPV registration number

Dear Administrator Leavitt:

In December 2001, the American Chemistry Council's Phthalate Esters Panel HPV Testing Group (HPV Panel) informed EPA that it would no longer sponsor Texanol® Benzyl Phthalate (CAS#16883-83-3) under the HPV Chemical Challenge Program (see attached letter), because Ferro Corporation had informed the HPV Panel that it would sponsor this chemical under the ICCA program. Consequently, the HPV Panel did not include Texanol® Benzyl Phthalate (CAS#16883-83-3) in the test plan for phthalate esters category.

Since that time, Ferro Corporation has removed Texanol® Benzyl Phthalate from the ICCA program. Therefore, the HPV Panel would like to add this chemical back into to the phthalate ester category under the HPV Challenge Program.

The robust summaries for this chemical are now being completed, and the HPV Panel expects to submit them to the Agency by September 1, 2004. A justification for including Texanol® Benzyl Phthalate in the category, and a revised test plan will be included with the robust summaries.

If you have any questions, please contact Marian Stanley, Manager Phthalate Esters Panel, at 703-741-5623 or by e-mail, [marian\\_stanley@americanchemistry.com](mailto:marian_stanley@americanchemistry.com).

Sincerely yours,

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